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Regional Church Backs Out Before the Court

On March 16, 2010 at 11 A.M., a volatile question will be heard before the Administrative Court of Hannover, namely: "May the Regional Protestant-Lutheran Church of Hannover continue to call itself 'Christian'?" Six plaintiffs from the movement of the Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount want to have this enjoined. The reason: The doctrine and behavior of the Lutheran Church has nothing to do with the teachings and life of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus, the Christ, taught the active faith – Luther taught that faith alone is enough. Jesus taught peaceableness – Luther called for murder and manslaughter. Jesus taught freedom – the Lutheran Church co-opts its faithful by way of the compulsory baptism of infants. In an extensive documentation, the plaintiffs establish the fact that the Lutheran Church wrongly uses the name "Christian."

However, when on the coming Tuesday at 11 A.M., the case is brought before the court, the seats of the defendant church will stay empty. It has announced that it will not appear for the date in court. Does it fear the truth the plaintiffs will present before the court – the violence of the despot and anti-Semite, Luther, from whom it has not yet dissociated itself? Or is it so certain that the old cartel of state and church still functions and that the Hannover judges will bail it out?

The spokesman for the Free Christians, Dieter Potzel, considers the church's behavior "disgraceful and cowardly. It exposes itself if it is not capable of representing before the court its claim of being a 'Christian' organization. Freely paraphrasing Luther: Here, I back out, I cannot otherwise. At the same time, it's behavior compromises the court, which issued a press release to bring the court date to the attention of the public (www.verwaltungsgericht-hannover.niedersachsen.de). Television teams from abroad have already announced they will be present."

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